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Annual Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 1959



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OF WELLS

For The Year

1959

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# Directory of Town Officials

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

(Terms Expire March 12, 1960 Unless Otherwise Indicated)

### Board of Selectmen

RAYMOND W. COLBY*	(March 1962)
CLIFFORD Y. MOODY	(March 12, 1960)
CHARLES A. BOURNE	(March 1961)
SAMUEL B. STANSFIELD	(March 1961)
EUGENE R. BROWN	(March 1962)

Resigned October 27, 1959

### Town Treasurer

WALTER E. HATCH

### Board of Assessors

GEORGE C. LORD*	LAWRENCE V. FERNALD
	CLIFFORD Y. MOODY

### Town Clerk

MRS. ALBERTA WENTWORTH

### Superintending School Committee

ORRIN B. SAUNDERS*	(March 1961)
CARL W. PERKINS	(March 12, 1960)
MRS. MARGARET GRANT	(March 1962)

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### Town Manager

and

### Tax Collector

LEIGH WEBBER

### Superintendent of Schools

MELVILLE H. JOHNSON

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### **Chief of Police**

## ELMER C. HUTCHINS

### **Town Attorney**

BARNETT I. SHUR

## **Health Officer**

## VIRGINIA HOLDER, R.N.

## Fire Chiefs

PAUL BRIDGES, Wells Corner  
THOMAS FENDERSON, Highpine  
ERNEST CROWLEY, Wells Beach  
GEORGE BRACKETT, Wells Branch

## Public Health Nurse

VIRGINIA HOLDER, R.N.

### Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRANK ABENDROTH  
(Resigned)

WALTER STROUT—Appointed June 2, 1959

## Planning Board

DAVID CRAIG\*  
ALBEO LaPIERRE

GEORGE SPILLER  
MAURICE FENDERSON  
FRANK HIGGINS

### Wells Harbor Committee

PAUL WHITIN, JR.\*  
GEORGE C. LORD  
ROWLAND HUSSEY

PHILIP W. HUSSEY, SR.  
ERNEST J. GALLANT  
PHILIP FOSTER

\* Indicates Chairman

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**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Wells:

Submitted for your consideration is the following report on the financial transactions and municipal activities of the Town of Wells, for the year ending December 31, 1959. This annual report has been prepared under and in conformity with the provisions of State Law as found in Chapter 90-A Section 40 Revised Statutes of 1954, as amended.

Your attention is called to the annual audit report and comments therein, as made by the State Department of Audit. A completed copy of this report is filed at the Town Office where it may be referred to at any time.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Wells Town Manager and your continued consideration and cooperation is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

LEIGH WEBBER

Town Manager

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### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

During the year 1959 all the regular duties of this department have been carried on in an efficient and satisfactory manner. Usually Summer Maintenance is made up of cleaning ditches, replacing culverts, repairing bridges, cutting bushes, regrading gravel roads, improvement of parking lots and the repair and replacement of various beach facilities. Patching of black top roads is a continuous activity and the preparation of gravel surfaces which are to be tarred requires much time and material.

We are fortunate in that the State under the Town Road Improvement Fund absorbs the cost up to \$6,000.00 per mile for construction or reconstruction of certain town ways which may be approved by the State Highway Commission. For example, approximately two-thirds of the work done on the Furbish Road was paid for by the State. In addition to this the Hobbs Farm Road, the Coles Hill Road, and the Day Road were greatly improved and the Oak Hill Road originally built with State funds received two coats of tar. In all a total of \$16,919.19 was paid by the State for rural road improvement without recourse to any matching funds raised by local taxation, all work being done by our own personnel.

No so-called State Aid Construction was attempted in 1959, these funds being carried over to 1960. If the usual Town appropriation is made this year, total town funds of \$6,928.00 will be matched by the State making \$13,856.00 available in 1960 for construction. If these funds are used for reconstruction the State will contribute an additional 20%, as a bonus, no town matching funds being required.

Regular town appropriations were used to apply two coats of road tar on the Loop Road, the Furbish Road, Central Avenue and adjacent streets, the Depot Road, the Boyd Road and a short section of the Coles Hill Road. Many other projects were begun, and several completed, however space in this report is limited and further details are being omitted at this time.

Owing to lack of time and not being able to secure necessary equipment, further improvement in the Tatnic area was not attempted. The \$1,200.00 appropriation made for this purpose has been carried over to be used to complete this work in 1960.

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The department prepared for Winter Maintenance by repairing and setting up snow fence and 1,000 feet of new fence was used to replace worn out sections. Two carloads of salt (120 tons) were purchased and 3,000 yards of sand and salt mixed and stock piled. Plows and sanding units were repaired as necessary and installed on our own and other trucks available for hire.

In carrying on our work both summer and winter full use is made of all town owned equipment. However, we do make extensive use of local trucks and other equipment as needed. During 1959 a total of \$17,525.00 was paid for this type of service.

Under the present policy of the Board of Selectmen no highway foreman as such, is employed during the summer. Robert E. Brown acted as a winter foreman from November 14, 1958 to March 14, 1959, and Eugene R. Brown has acted in this capacity since October 27, 1959.

A detailed statement of major expenses incurred in this and other operating accounts will be found in a later section of this report.

## WELFARE

During 1959 the support of needy and indigent persons presented the usual problems. The decision as to whether need actually exists and if so, the extent to which the town must assume the burden of support is always a hard one to make. Basically our Maine law provides that a person who for any reason cannot support themselves and their family, must be provided with a minimum allowance for food, shelter, clothing and necessary medical expense at a cost chargeable to the Town legally liable for such support.

State and Federal programs covering Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind, Aid to Dependent Children and to totally disabled persons as well as Social Security Benefits and unemployment compensation have relieved towns of a great deal of the costs formerly incurred, but nevertheless there are still many individuals or families which either cannot qualify for these benefits or where such grants are not enough to meet all needs. When such a situation exists, the Town must step in and give needed relief. Towns usually find that appropriations made for such help are not large enough and overdrafts are a common occurrence.

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This year Wells was fortunate, no overdraft occurred and in fact a substantial amount remained unexpended which was carried forward to 1960 thus reducing the amount to be appropriated for the ensuing year.

Our records show that during 1959 fifty-one families or individuals received assistance at various times, and in varying amounts. Of this number eleven cases were located in Kennebunk, four in Sanford, one in South Berwick and one in York, the remainder were living in Wells.

Major expenditures incurred were for the following items:

Board and Care	\$1,074.63
Burial	125.00
Electricity	146.87
Fuel	614.17
Surplus Commodities	224.67
Hospital and Medical	1,079.73
Clothing	43.23
Food	2,022.38
Rent	825.35
Total	\$6,156.03

The total of 116 individuals, adults and children—shared in these benefits.

Aid to Dependent Children is being granted by the State to nine cases at an expense to the Town in 1959 of \$1,863.27 this being 18% of the total amount involved.

## WELLS HARBOR COMMITTEE

On July 16, 1959, the following telegram was received from congressman James C. Oliver:

Authorization for Wells Harbor Project today approved by House Public Works Committee. Included as an amendment to the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors Bill which I supported in committee and on the floor of the House. It was passed as reported. Authorizing expenditure of \$340,000 for the Wells Harbor Project, to be matched with \$205,000 in local funds. Next step will be the appropriation which will be delayed until probably 1961, providing time to lay plans for this valuable development for your community and Maine.

—James C. Oliver, Member of Congress

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Shortly after the receipt of this telegram, a meeting of the Harbor Committee was held at the office of Walter E. Hatch with Paul Whitin presiding. Various methods of financing the Town's share of the cost of the project were discussed as well as plans for supervision of the Harbor when completed. It was felt that it might be well to consider having created by legislative enactment, a Harbor District to be managed by a board of trustees elected by the Town. Such a district would have the authority to issue bonds, obtain necessary land either by purchase or eminent domain, to secure property easements and to make plans for future development and possible expansion in the area. While Federal Funds are not expected to be available until some time in 1961, it is not too early for the Town to be making plans for a Wells Harbor.

### ELL POND RECREATIONAL AREA

At our last regular Town Meeting, the sum of \$1,000.00 was appropriated for the purpose of building a recreational area at Ell Pond together with a public road leading thereto on land given to the Town by W. J. McCullough for this purpose.

It was found that while building a road to the pond presented no difficulty, the shore frontage was not suitable for the use contemplated. Following a meeting of the Board of Selectmen with Messrs. L. W. Baur and A. B. Whyte the new owners. A trip was made to the location as the result of which, these gentlemen made available to the Town at no charge additional land which nearly doubled the original grant. Arrangements were then made by the Selectmen to have the entering road roughed out, a parking lot cleared, and passable roadway to the beach constructed. The cost of these improvements being \$526.04 leaving \$473.96 available for further improvements this year. The present plan is to surface the road and parking lot, clean up the beach and shore front, and clear away a location for a picnic ground. It seems that funds available will be sufficient for this purpose. At present it is possible to drive a car and trailer to the pond and to park without entering upon private property.

Work in the area will begin as soon as possible and will be done by our own personnel and equipment.

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### REGULATION OF CLAM FLATS

During the last year, the results of years of research and cooperative town, state and federal management efforts have produced clams and wealth for the community.

In the spring of 1959, it was decided that research on the so-called Lindane barrier should continue in Pope's Creek for several seasons and that the population of commercial size clams could be dug in the month of May—the area would then be closed to protect the small clams. In the month when digging was allowed 333 bushels were harvested by commercial diggers and 348 bushels by non-commercial diggers for a total production of 681 bushels with a total value of \$8,172.

In October, 1959, a survey was made of the clam flats, and the size distribution and population of clams estimated. The survey indicated that there was a good population of commercial size clams that could be harvested. An estimate was made that the areas contained a total population of 7,839 bushels of commercial size clams.

A well attended meeting was held to discuss our findings, and a rotation of flats was agreed upon with tentative dates suggested when the clam crops might be most advantageously harvested. Records are being well kept by the local town warden, Wilbur Perkins in cooperation with Coastal Warden Wayne Smith.

As expected Doctor's Creek yielded 73.5 bushels to non-commercial diggers with a total value of \$510.50.

The First Flats—open from November 9, 1959 to December 31, 1959 yielded 769 bushels to commercial diggers, 269 bushels to non-commercial diggers with a total yield of 1,038 bushels and valued at \$7,264.

Majors Flats open from December 16, 1959 to April 30, 1960. Production records from December 16, 1959 through January 24, 1960, yielded 1,420 bushels to commercial diggers, 233 bushels to non-commercial diggers with a total of 1,653 bushels valued at \$11,568.

It was agreed that the Middle Ground, so-called, would be open from March 1st to November 1st, 1960.

In 1959 and through January 24, 1960 the clam flats of Wells have produced 2,522 bushels of clams to the commercial diggers, 908 bushels to non-commercial diggers, with a total production of 3,445 bushels valued at \$27,516.

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It is our recommendation that this rotation of areas be continued. Next fall (1960)—we can again do a detailed summary, and then discuss our comparative findings at a public meeting, and decide on future action.

We also recommend that a cooperative management be worked out for the local maintenance of the Lindane barrier in Pope's Creek next summer, with the aim of being able to protect the entire river system from green crabs, sometime in the future.

We look forward to continuing our cooperative effort, and compliment the town manager, selectmen, clam committee, and diggers for their active efforts to make the best possible use of the town's clam resources.

Enclosed is a copy of a summary of the work of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as prepared by Research Biologist, Robert Hanks.

DANA E. WALLACE  
Marine Resources Scientist  
Dept. of Sea & Shore Fisheries

## WELLS PROGRAM REPORT

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The research program of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Wells, Maine, was continued and expanded during 1959.

Crab populations in the Webhannet River and associated creek systems were measured by twelve traps, almost double the number used in previous years, which were fished every week by personnel from Boothbay Harbor. The trapping program has been carried on for over three years and has yielded valuable information on the fluctuation in numbers, size composition and movements of green crabs. Our data from this year indicates that a very serious mortality occurred during the winter of 1958-59 and has reduced the resident crab population to the lowest level yet attained at Wells.

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We have continued our investigations into the chemical control of green crab populations which are directed, at Wells, toward testing various methods of organic pesticide applications. A more expanded version of the barrier control method, used in the 2nd Drakes Island creek during 1958, was designed for the Pope's Creek system. In anticipation of this project the clam flats in this area were opened to digging in the spring, thus removing all commercial clams at that time. The area was then closed to digging so that experimental results could be obtained more accurately.

Five specially constructed trawl lines were placed across the mouth of the creek at 15-foot intervals. Large hooks were suspended every 2 feet along the lines so that toxic fish bait could be attached. The lines were baited every two weeks throughout the period June to November. It was assumed that crabs moving into the area would feed on the bait and die, while those moving out of the creek would do likewise. In this manner, the resident crab population in the creek would be lowered to a point where predation on soft clams would not be a controlling influence. Our crab traps were positioned in the area so as to measure the effects of the barrier.

Unfortunately, no definite conclusions can be drawn from the experiment in Pope's Creek since the winter crab mortality reduced all creek populations to insignificant levels. However, we do have information from other areas of the Maine Coast to indicate that the method is practical and effective. We hope that additional work on this project can be conducted in Wells during 1960.

The annual clam survey was completed in cooperation with the Maine Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries and the town, early in October. Recommendations based on the survey led to the opening of sections of the flats during this winter.

Monthly clam samples were taken every month in certain selected areas to follow growth and populations throughout the year.

General observations were recorded on all field trips. These are often of great value in our overall program giving important information on environmental and ecological changes in the locality.

ROBERT HANKS

TOWN OF WELLS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I wish to submit the following report of Police activities for the year 1959.

Accidents investigated	176
Arrests	57
Complaints investigated	1,867
Dogs taken to Veterinary	19
Reprimands to Juveniles by Judge (no warrants)	14
Restitution made for damage to property	\$ 845.93
Value of stolen cars recovered	\$2,260.00
Mileage traveled on patrol	36,407

The arrests were for the following violations:

Assault and Battery	4
Breaking and entering	3
Defrauding	1
Driving under the Influence of Liquor	3
Erecting an Oil Storage Tank without a Permit	1
Escapees	3
Failing to File Sales Tax	1
Failing to Yield Right of Way	2
Improper Turn	1
Improper Passing	2
Intoxication	3
Larceny of a Motor Vehicle	4
Larceny of Money	2
Leaving an Unlighted Vehicle on the Highway	2
Malicious Mischief	1
Non-support	1
Operating to Endanger	2
Operating with Inadequate Brakes	1
Operating without License	4
Operating after Suspension	2
Operating an Unregistered Vehicle	1
Operating on Wrong Side of Highway	1
Served Bond to Keep the Peace	2
Speeding	4
Stop Sign Violations	3
Storage of Fuel Oil without Permit	1
Unemployment Check Violation	1
Willful Destruction of Property	1

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER C. HUTCHINS

Chief of Police

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### WELLS CORNER HOSE CO.

During the fiscal year 1959 Wells Corner Hose Co. responded to 73 calls for assistance as listed below:

House, 10; Forest, 14; Grass, 12; Dump, 3; Car, 12; Chimney, 14; Cellars Pumped, 5; Children Lost, 3.

The above figures do not represent the voluntary controlled burning of grass in the Spring.

We are operating under the new Fire Alarm System that replaced the siren formerly used for a period of 27 years; the new system is a vast improvement in that box numbers are now blown that result in a quicker response of firefighters to the scene. The trucks and equipment are in constant readiness to roll at all times.

PAUL BRIDGES

Chief

### WELLS BRANCH FIRE ASSOCIATION

This is a report of the fires that the Wells Branch Fire Association was called out to.

6 wood fires, 1 house fire, 1 chimney fire, 4 grass fires.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE BRACKETT

Chief

### HIGHPINE FIRE ASSOCIATION

#### Annual Report for 1959

During the year 1959, the company answered a total of twenty calls as follows:

House Fires	3
Camp	1
Slash or brush	5
Town Dump	2
Out of Town Calls	2
Oil Stove	1
Chimney Fires	6

Average 6 men at each call; Average cost per call \$77.50.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS FENDERSON

Chief

## TOWN OF WELLS

### WELLS BEACH HOSE COMPANY

#### Report of Activities Year 1960

During the year a total of 191 calls were answered as follows: Fire calls: House 9; chimney 5; automobile 5; brush and grass 24; dump fires 8. Total 51.

Search for lost children 6; use of inhalator 4; use of boat 4; There were 21 other miscellaneous calls such as false alarms, first aid at the station, and checks on reported smoke. Total 35.

Use of our ambulance continues to be an important part of the services provided by the company. This year we were called to supply this type of transportation 105 times, including trips to Boston 7; New York 1; Portland 8; and local 89. Four of the Portland calls were made to assist a local youth in attaining clinical treatment and no fee was involved.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST CROWLEY, Chief  
Wells Beach Hose Company

#### Ambulance Account

##### INCOME AND EXPENDITURES:

Fees	\$1,560.29
Donations	275.00
Gas and Oil	\$ 219.45
Drivers	84.10
Repairs and Maintenance	187.79
Insurance	275.56
Care of Patients	4.38
Laundry	89.33
Postage and Supplies	13.00
Tolls and Meals	22.79
Miscellaneous	16.00
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Totals	\$ 922.89

#### Comparison Total Surplus

	Jan. 1, 1959	Jan. 1, 1960
Cash checking account	\$ 958.15	\$1,481.04
Cash savings account	3,090.49	3,490.49
Accounts Receivable	961.00	425.00
Depreciation of ambulance	\$3,227.20	\$4,302.00
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Total surplus '59	\$1,782.44	
	Surplus '60	\$1,193.53

PETER MOODY  
Treasurer

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### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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#### Vital Statistics

Births	62
Marriages	51
Deaths	69
	Forestry Certificates
Christmas Tree and Wreaths	51

#### Inland Fisheries and Game

Resident Fishing	200
Resident Hunting	473
Resident Combination	160
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Non-resident Fishing—3 day	25
Non-resident Fishing—15 day	14
Non-resident Fishing—season	6
Non-resident Hunting (deer)	15
Non-resident Hunting (bird)	1
Non-resident Junior Fishing	3
Non-resident Junior Hunting	1
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	65
	—
	898

#### Town Licenses

Male	169
Spayed Females	105
Female	24
Kennels	8
	—
	306

#### Town Licenses

Victualers	65
Pinball	1
Bowling	1
	—
	67

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERTA M. WENTWORTH  
Town Clerk

## TOWN OF WELLS

### REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

An effective public health program depends to a large extent upon the observation and study of health needs in the community. The importance of organized health programs to meet these needs cannot be over-emphasized.

Among the services carried out by your Public Health Department in Wells are general bedside nursing, the administration of medications as ordered by the physician, the Well Baby Clinic, school clinics including polio immunizations, protection against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, vaccination against smallpox, physical examinations to children of Grades 1, 4, 7, and 10, eye and ear tests and weights and measures, plus follow-up of any recommendations made by the attending physician. The dental clinic will again be carried out this year modified over previous years by the inclusion of those children whose needs are most urgent.

Consultation with the teachers has enabled us to better recognize and evaluate problems of school children. The teachers have been most considerate in informing me promptly of any situation which they feel requires attention or, more often, referral to the family physician. In many instances this early recognition makes it possible to correct an unfavorable condition before it becomes a serious problem.

Coordination of Public Health and Social Service is by no means of least importance in best serving our people through this Department. Those who are in need of special care and treatment, though economically unable to meet the expense, should not hesitate to contact the Public Health Nurse in order to work out a plan whereby necessary assistance may be attained.

Services of the Crippled Children, Cardiac and Pediatric Clinics have been available to infants and children in this community. Home visits have been made to interpret recommendations and help with the special needs.

During the past year over eight tons of Surplus foods have been issued from the Public Health office, in accordance with the Federal Relief plan of distribution of commodities. A need for a built in closet with wide shelves for this material is evidenced by the present problem of keeping these foods properly stored.

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The Wells-Ogunquit Health Association has recently purchased a suitable refrigerator for serums and vaccines formerly stored in the High School Home Economics room refrigerator.

Many of the above mentioned services have been financially sponsored by the Wells-Ogun. Health Assoc. These services are outlined in the Health Association brochure which may be obtained at the Nurse's Office or mailed to you upon request. Nominal fees are charged for office and home visits only when the patient is in a position to pay. This represents but a very small percentage of home and office visits covered. Those fees which are collected are turned over to the Health Association to help defray costs of office supplies and emergency services. We are indeed grateful to the Health Association for their excellent cooperation in carrying out, especially, the Well Baby Clinic and Dental Clinic, and to a large part, the program of physical examinations in the schools.

We feel that our Public Health Service is one of the best in this area. Constructive suggestions for improvement are welcomed and will be adopted in any practical instance.

I wish to express our sincere appreciation to the organizations and many individuals who have cooperated so generously with our plan of providing better health and welfare in this community.

Respectfully submitted,  
VIRGINIA HOLDER, R.N.

## TOWN OF WELLS

### REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

Many general nuisance complaints were brought to the attention of the Health Officer during the past year. All were investigated and measures were employed to clear up the problems as satisfactorily as possible.

The usual childhood contagious diseases have been reported at various times throughout the season. Fortunately, we have had no serious epidemic to date. It is difficult to tabulate the exact number of cases of communicable diseases as so many were not severe enough to have been called to the attention of the doctor and therefore, were never reported. In these instances it would be helpful if parents would report any contagious disease to the Health Officer (MI 6-2771) for proper recording.

At our recent evening Polio Clinic, 63 people received 4th Polio shots. We are pleased by the response to the evening clinics but feel that there are many still, who have not been protected. This is available to all, irrespective of age, and we urge everyone to take advantage of this important means of wiping out a dreaded disease.

The practicing physicians in this area have been most responsive and helpful in supplying information and recommendations relative to the many problems arising which do require their knowledge and experience to handle properly. Inquiries regarding health problems of any nature are welcomed in the office of the Health Officer—please do not hesitate to call—it is one of the services to which you, as parents and citizens, are entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

VIRGINIA HOLDER, R.N.  
Health Officer

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### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Wells:  
The annual report of the schools is herewith submitted.

#### Enrollment

Our school enrollment continues to rise rapidly. At the opening of the schools last September we enrolled 822 pupils which is 42 more than a year ago. The enrollment by schools is as follows: High School, 193; Junior High, 139; Wells Elementary, 391; Ogunquit Village 99.

Because of large classes moving into the junior and senior high schools, we are now confronted with a shortage of classroom space in these departments. A special committee, appointed to investigate the needs of our schools, has found that to alleviate this problem we shall have to provide additional rooms in the near future. (See School Survey Committee Report.) The four largest consecutive classes are the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grades with 87, 72, 80 and 77 pupils respectively. When this combination of classes have progressed into the high school (fall of 1964) the potential enrollment there will be more than 300 pupils.

#### Teaching Staff

Our teaching staff this year has been increased to a total of 37 full time and 4 part time special teachers for music and handwriting. This is an increase of 3 full time teachers over last year, two in the high school and one in the elementary school. The high school principal teaches one class period and devotes the remainder of his time to supervision. The principal of the elementary-junior high combination spends one-half day in supervisory work and the same amount of time in classroom teaching. At the Ogunquit School, the principal carries a full teaching load.

The two additional teachers in the high school were necessary to assist in the fields of English and Mathematics while the additional teacher in the elementary school teaches one-half day in the classroom (relieving the principal for supervisory work) and spends one-half day assisting certain assigned children who require individual help and attention with the school work. This latter service helps to fill a need which has long existed. Successful adjustment to school work may, for certain children, depend on individual help and encouragement which they now are able to receive.

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### Rising Costs of Education

It is recognized that the future hope and security of our nation lies fundamentally within the structure of our American educational system. Marked reforms in public education have taken place from time to time, but perhaps at no time in the history of our country have there been so many wide sweeping changes as at the present time.

Considering the effect of an exploding national birth rate plus the emphasis on new concepts in education within the curriculum, we have, at least, a partial explanation of the rapidly expanding cost of maintaining the schools.

The greatest increase in cost arises from the need to provide more classrooms and the need to increase the salaries of teachers. With a stronger emphasis being placed on the importance of the public school program relative to the needs of our national welfare, the teaching of children is increasingly regarded to be important work. Teachers, in the years to come, will have to be better trained, not only in what to teach, but how to teach. Only the most capable and talented people must be allowed to go into this important work. The only way, it seems, to ensure an adequate supply of properly qualified persons needed to teach the children in school is to raise the salary level to an acceptable standard.

Again this year it is necessary to upgrade our local salary schedule in order to hold our place evenly with our neighboring towns and the average of teachers' salaries throughout the state. The effort we have made during recent years to improve our salary scale for teachers finds us relatively where we have been for some time, which is about average.

### Our Instructional Program

The true value and effectiveness of any school system, including ours, lies in the ability and success of the teachers to adequately meet the educational needs of the pupils. To an outstanding degree we have, at the present time, a well-trained and dedicated staff of instructors who are responsive to the changing trends in educational practices. Our teachers give generously of their time and energy to the proper development of our youth. The caliber and professional attitude of our staff is good.

Despite the growing interest and concern on the part of the public in the work of the schools, there remains a lack of understanding of what the schools are called upon to do. The content and objections of the school curriculum are changing so rapidly that we need to take the steps necessary to acquaint parents and the public in general with these changes.

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The next ten years are expected to bring about more reforms in American education than any decade in history. Some of the already recognized changes, for example, include provision for students to proceed in school at their own fastest pace as a means of meeting individual differences of ability. Television and other teaching aids will become extensively used. The trend is already pointing to the study of foreign languages in the elementary school. Many school systems have already begun to teach foreign languages, algebra and general science in the elementary grades.

At the secondary level more emphasis is being placed on accelerated programs of study for the academically gifted students with better preparation for college work. The study of general elementary science in high school is being replaced by science work on a higher level of difficulty. Courses in mathematics follow the same pattern. College entrance requirements will become more rigid because of the greater number applying for admission. The colleges will become overcrowded and, consequently very much more selective.

### Maintenance of Plant and Equipment

To maintain the general good condition of our school property and equipment it is necessary to continue from year to year, during the summer vacation period a program of upkeep and renovation.

We have been able, during the past year, within our budget, to continue the work of modernizing another classroom at the Ogunquit School. This renovation, completed entirely by our regular maintenance staff with the exception of the electrical work, was started a year ago. Two of the classrooms are completely refinished in pleasing decorative color schemes and equipped with new, modern plastic top furniture. Also at this building we have installed a smoke barrier partition at the top of the stairwell on the upper level, as recommended by the State Insurance Commission.

Perhaps as a next step to improve the appearance of the Ogunquit building we should redecorate the main entrance hallway and corridor as the two remaining classrooms in the newer part of the building are in very presentable condition at the present time. Some repair of the roof covering will be necessary another year, also we find it necessary to do some outside painting each year as the previous finish continues to peel and come off.

At the Wells elementary building two classrooms and the main corridor walls of the original building were redecorated. About 100 pupil desks were sanded and refinished with an excellent grade of plastic material to give them very good appearance and long wearing quality.

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Thirty new classroom units were purchased to complete the requirements of the new (elementary school) annex. However, it became necessary to transfer the use of these desks and chairs to a classroom in the junior high and make use of larger sizes in order to equip a room on the lower level for the use of high school classes.

In the high school building, a new storage cabinet was constructed in the science laboratory and several of the desks in the classrooms were refinished as necessary. To meet the new standards of high school accreditation, some alterations will have to be made in the high school building. (See School Survey Committee Report.) At such time as the necessary alterations are made it will be necessary to install a modern artificial lighting system and desirable to redecorate the main corridor to give a more pleasing and brighter appearance.

The heavy oil burning equipment in the high school heating system has been kept in operation at considerable maintenance cost. On recommendation of a service engineer, we are now using #4 oil instead of heavier #6 fuel. After several service adjustments we now find the burner to be functioning satisfactorily and better than when the heavier fuel was used. The small increase in the cost of #4 oil over #6 fuel is offset by a saving in electrical cost of preheating.

### **The Survey Committee Report**

Your attention is respectfully called to the importance of the report and recommendations by a special investigating committee formed, a year ago, to study school needs in the town. The findings contained in this report (printed in the 1959 Town Report) should be interpreted as being a supplement to this required annual review of the schools.

To avoid duplication, it seems only necessary to state here that the two most important needs at the present time is to soon provide extra classroom accommodations for the increasing enrollments in grades 7 to 12 and in doing so work towards achieving the standards of state accreditation of our high school program.

### **Conclusion**

Included with this report are the usual reports submitted by the senior and junior high principals. These reports describe more fully the program as conducted in the respective schools.

In closing, allow me to thank the citizens of the town, the Superintending School Committee and the entire staff of school personnel for generous help and good cooperation in the administration of the school work.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVILLE H. JOHNSON  
Superintendent of Schools

## ANNUAL REPORT

### REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools, the Superintending School Committee and the Citizens of Wells:

This year should be one of major decision for the townspeople as far as the high school and junior high school are concerned, for within the next 18 months we are going to overburden our already crowded facilities. There just will not be space enough to adequately meet the room requirements of our students. I urge all parents to read carefully the report of the School Survey Committee in order to make a complete appraisal of this serious problem.

One of the most evident qualities of our student body is their loyalty to their school and to their faculty. Our school spirit is, in its widest sense, everything that contributes to better human relationships and good citizenship both in the school and in our community.

This feeling does not belong exclusively to the students, but is intuitively felt and expressed in the devotion and dedication of the members of the faculty and administration as they seek to perpetuate and improve the American way of life by enriching the high school background of our students.

We believe that the seriousness of purpose of secondary education demands an equal seriousness of purpose by the pupils; that enrollment in senior high school is a privilege as well as a right and that, along with this privilege, there is a student responsibility to exert genuine effort in the acquisition of desirable skills and concepts; that, in order to best promote these desirable ends, school facilities should be entirely adequate for the task at hand.

The evening school enrollment reached a new high with 192 persons registered. The following subjects were included in our program: oil painting, ceramics, antique stenciling, chair caning, furniture repairing, rug making, upholstering, woodworking, shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping. An exhibit of the many fine projects completed by the evening school students demonstrated the worth of this adult program.

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Our cafeteria, directed by Mrs. Marion Stansfield, assisted by Mrs. Jennie Sinclair, has continued to operate in a very efficient manner. Last year's statistics are as follows:

Total Complete Lunches served	47,663
Total Milk Served (half-pints)	84,311
Total Milk Served on Special Milk Program	38,714
Total Free Lunches	4,310
For the first half of this school year, Sept. 1959 to Feb. 1960	
Total Complete Lunches served	28,516
Total Milk Served	56,866
Total Milk Served on Special Milk Program	27,374
Total Free Lunches	2,021

The free lunches are not subsidized by the town but come out of the maintenance of the school lunch program. The entire program has been self-sustaining and operated at little cost to the town.

Parents and townspeople are invited to visit our school lunch program in action. We follow standardized procedures of serving and menus established by the State Department of Education School Lunch Program. It is necessary to follow the State procedures if we wish to receive free food commodities and reimbursement from the State.

If your child has a school problem, his teacher and principal are more than willing to assist the parent in its solution. The combined efforts of teacher and parent provide for a more satisfactory understanding of the child's particular educational needs. It is my sincere wish that all parents and citizens feel free to visit the High School at any time.

I wish to express my appreciation to the School Committee, the Superintendent of Schools, and the High School Faculty for their cooperation extended to me throughout the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN F. HOLDER  
Principal

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### REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools, the Superintending School Committee and the Citizens of the Town of Welles:

The Junior High School has two new teachers this year, Mrs. Althine Watson in the English Department and Mr. Raymond Johnson, transferred from the fifth grade, in the Mathematics Department.

The program of scholastic awards for maintaining "A" or "A and B" average ranks for the full year is being carried on again. About 16% of the pupils are qualifying for the Recognition Day awards which will be given at a special assembly in May. It is planned to tie this local program into the Maine Teachers Association scholastic award program this year if possible. The M.T.A. program recognizes achievement at the eighth grade level and then goes on to a scholarship program at the high school level. Students who participate in cheerleading, sports and glee club will also receive awards.

Mrs. Agnes L. Tibbetts, the Junior High School music director, has had a fine program of music for the seventh and eighth grades this year. The glee club joined with a group from the sixth grades and the high school glee club to present a Christmas musical program. At the February meeting of the P.T.A. the glee club sang several numbers.

In April the Junior High will present a "Gay Nineties Revue" about which the students seem very enthusiastic. The proceeds of the Revue will be applied to the Elementary Auditorium Piano Fund which is growing fast.

Both boys and girls have had basketball teams this year. The boys, under Mr. Raymond Johnson, have concluded a successful season of eight games and the girls, under Mr. George Langille, have had a much shorter schedule but have been invited to join the York County Girls' Basketball Tournament which has its playoffs in February, involving four or five games.

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The boys will have a baseball team in the spring, under Mr. Johnson, and will use the Ogunquit Village baseball diamond, permission for its use having been given by the Selectmen of the Village. Their generosity is much appreciated as competition for the athletic field diamond behind our school is so great. Most of the boys who will be on the team are from Ogunquit so the transportation will be no problem.

In the spring two suppers will be put on to raise money for moveable backboards for an outside basketball court to be painted on the tarvia at the north end of the elementary building.

In the Science Department a space scope has been purchased with Junior High funds and it can be used for terrestrial or astronomical viewing.

We are pleased to note an ever increasing interest on the part of parents during American Education Week and throughout the year.

The eighth grade is looking forward to the annual Boston Trip in May when they will visit the Harvard College Museums, Science Park and its Planetarium and sights of historical interest.

May I express my appreciation to the faculty, the Superintendent, the School Committee and the citizens of the town who all have given 100% cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL P. BEALS  
Principal

## ANNUAL REPORT

### REPORT OF SCHOOL SURVEY COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Wells:

Herewith is the report of the Special Committee authorized by the 1959 Town Meeting to study future school needs in the Town of Wells.

Members of the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee met jointly on April 8, 1959 for the purpose of appointing nine lay members to work with the School Committee on this project. Since last May this combined group has held eight meetings.

Lack of sufficient time to look into all phases of possible future school needs has limited the work of this committee. However, appraisal of the most urgent and immediate future needs of our schools outlined three main areas of study as being of utmost importance for consideration at the present time by the people of this town. These three main areas are as follows:

- 1) Immediate housing and classroom needs in the junior and senior high schools due to increasing enrollments.
- 2) The need to expand our high school curriculum offerings and provide acceptable building facilities to meet the new requirements of state accreditation.
- 3) A study of the School Administrative District plan of organization, legalized by the 1957 legislature, called the Sinclair Law, and now being introduced by many communities throughout the state.

#### I. Present Housing Needs Due To Increasing Enrollments

Examination of the constantly expanding school population, particularly during the past ten or twelve years, discloses a school housing situation which now taxes our facilities beyond present capacity in the junior and senior high school building. Although the gradual increase in school enrollment held fairly steady until the late forties (see accompanying charts) the rapid rise began in the early fifties and represented the increasing birth rate which began immediately following the close of World War II.

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### Wells School Enrollments

1935-1936	541	1948-1949	595
1936-1937	554	1949-1950	630
1937-1938	564	1950-1951	615
1938-1939	548	1951-1952	640
1939-1940	552	1952-1953	680
1940-1941	571	1953-1954	723
1941-1942	559	1954-1955	744
1942-1943	552	1955-1956	727
1943-1944	535	1956-1957	743
1944-1945	592	1957-1958	759
1945-1946	553	1958-1959	780
1946-1947	584	1959-1960	822
1947-1948	631		

### ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

this year—1959-1960

Preprimary	70
1st Grade	58
2nd Grade	61
3rd Grade	62
4th Grade	87
5th Grade	72
6th Grade	80
7th Grade	77
8th Grade	62
9th Grade	42
10th Grade	61
11th Grade	46
12th Grade	44
	822

### High School Enrollments—5 years hence

based on pupils in school today

High School 1959-1960	193
High School 1960-1961	211
High School 1961-1962	242
High School 1962-1963	261
High School 1963-1964	291
High School 1964-1965	316

WELLS SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60
High School	161	164	173	166	154	155	144	167	171	192	193
Junior High	94	75	83	99	104	111	110	121	116	105	139
Elementary	*278	*278	*275	303	347	349	353	341	368	391	391
Ogunquit	97	98	109	112	118	129	120	**114	104	92	99
<b>Totals</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>822</b>

\*Total of all Rural Schools not consolidated then.  
\*\*Ogunquit 6th grade pupils transferred to Wells Elementary.

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The construction of the elementary school annex in 1956-57 was necessary to accommodate this enrollment surge as it moved through the upper elementary grades. Although this bulge in school population now causes overcrowding in the junior and senior high school building, the fact remains that the elementary building, which this year houses 391 pupils, is presently within one classroom (26-30 pupils) of being filled to capacity.

The junior high school at present enrolls 139 pupils, grades 7 and 8, distributed in four rooms of 39, 38, 31 and 31 pupils each. In the present sixth grade (elementary school) there are three classroom divisions, totaling 80 pupils, so it is apparent that the present four junior high school classrooms will no longer serve adequately to house this department.

In this connection, there are two substandard classrooms on the lower level of the Junior high annex which may have to be used temporarily for classroom purposes. One of these rooms now serves as an office for the Superintendent of Schools, the other, for two years previously, has been used as a music room, but this year is used as a classroom by the high school due to increasing enrollment there.

The senior high school enrollment has reached an all time high this year (193 pupils). With the large classes of pupils in the present sixth, seventh and eighth grades, the high school enrollment will increase to 250 pupils by 1963 and 300 pupils by 1965. These are conservative estimates based on today's enrollments of pupils already attending our schools. This year the high school teaching staff had to be increased to thirteen full time teachers and it is necessary to make use of two classrooms outside the main building, one in the lower level of the junior high annex, mentioned above, and the other in the new annex of the elementary school.

### II. High School Accreditation vs. Basic Approval

For many years all secondary schools in the state have been required to meet basic approval. This has been a requisite in order to receive state subsidy. The requirements of this basic approval, however, are extremely meager and antiquated in terms of present day educational standards. Schools meeting these basic standards are called "Class A" high schools and practically all of the more than two hundred state high schools are so classified. However, there has always been a wide difference in the actual curriculum offerings and the effectiveness of the several high school programs in various communities throughout the state. Some are good and equal to the requirements of new state accreditation standards while some fall far below and are inefficient.

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Many of the very small high schools, with enrollments of less than one hundred pupils, cannot reasonably meet the new requirements of accreditation except at high cost per pupil. In every case, the quality and value of the many secondary school programs have been reflected by the financial ability and emphasis placed on education by the people concerned.

Your committee has learned that the state requirements and standards for an accredited secondary school are high in all areas and only a relatively small percentage of the existing high schools will have met the new requirements for state accreditation when the Law becomes effective in July 1960. However, it is the opinion of the members of this committee that the people of Wells will strongly desire to have their high school accredited under the new requirements as soon as it is reasonably possible.

In this connection, a selected committee of experienced educators, under the supervision of the State Department of Education and authorized by our local School Committee, spent two full days at our high school in February 1959 for the purpose of evaluating our overall high school program in terms of the standards which have been set up and approved for accredited secondary schools.

Your committee has examined the report of this visiting group and listed below are the recommendations and requirements which will have to be met in a satisfactory manner before accreditation of our high school can be received. While the full evaluation committee report contains many recommendations and requirements pertaining to the school curriculum, it should be understood that only those major cost requirements having to do with building facilities are mentioned here.

A school library shall be provided large enough to accommodate the book collection and with seating space for the largest English class.

Additional classroom space must be provided so that at least two approved occupational courses may continue to be maintained and that the teachers' room, the music room and the elementary school shall not have to be used for high school classroom purposes.

The school shall be provided with a general administrative office of adequate size (a minimum of 144 sq. ft.) and a separate private office for the principal.

More space is needed for home economics laboratory with more efficient arrangement of equipment, more useful tables, adequate closet or drawer space for storage, more sewing machines and more smaller appliances. There should also be better provision for classwork and a home-living area.

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Properly shielded artificial lights must supplement natural light in order that reading and work surfaces in all areas of the classrooms, library and laboratory have a minimum light intensity of 20 foot-candles. Although 20 foot-candles are the minimum required for state accreditation at the present time, the new state building code requires a minimum of 25 foot-candles.

More space is needed for the industrial arts program.

- (a) to permit more emphasis upon auto mechanics and electricity
- (b) to permit proper storage of lumber and other supplies
- (c) to provide for the storage of pupils' projects
- (d) to prevent the sawdust from the woodworking machines from injuring the metalworking machinery
- (e) to provide an adequate classroom and planning area
- (f) to reduce the hazards created by crowding so many different types of activities in a small area.

A larger kitchen area is necessary to facilitate the efficient operation of the school lunch program.

Separate toilet and lavatory facilities, with running hot and cold water, shall be provided for the men and women teachers.

Lockers or suitable cloakroom facilities should be provided in sufficient numbers to meet the needs of all pupils.

In some classrooms the pupil furniture, bolted to the floor, should be replaced by furniture conducive to a better learning situation. Additional chalkboards are needed in some classrooms.

The present heating system does not provide adequate heat in very cold weather in all parts of the building used by the students.

### III. The School Administrative District

A brief explanation of the nature of a school administrative district type of school organization was included in the 1958 town report under the annual report of schools. The School Administrative District, established by the Sinclair Act of 1957, is essentially a group of towns, close together geographically, joined to operate cooperatively a public school system which is more effective than any one of the towns can afford individually. Basically, the introduction of this type of school organization is aimed at the consolidation of smaller high schools into one larger secondary school of not less than 300 pupils serving the high school needs for a combination of communities.

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Realizing the limited space in our present high school building, the imminent overcrowding of pupils and with a view to meeting the standards of accreditation, your local school committee held separate and informal meetings with the school committees of North Berwick and Kennebunk to investigate the school administrative district plan and the way in which it might be adapted to improve our local schools. In each case it appeared that due to our high local valuation compared to that in either of the two towns under consideration, the proportionate share of the operating cost of a school administrative district would fall more heavily on Wells than either of the other two. We believe that the educational benefits derived from such a plan would not offset the political entanglements and financial difficulties involved, such as have been experienced by other towns entering into this type of organization.

### Recommendations of this Committee

- 1) Because of the rapidly increasing school population and the need of additional building expansion, this committee recommends that the town proceed immediately to acquire additional land for school building expansion, preferably the lot of land adjacent to the existing school lot on the south side and bordering on U. S. Route #1.
- 2) That the town proceed immediately to determine the size and cost of a building or buildings, of necessary type and construction, to be erected on the acquired plot of land to accommodate various departments of the school program, including; a combination gymnasium-auditorium for physical education, assemblies, music and dramatics; school lunch facilities; home economics laboratory and industrial arts shop.
- 3) That consideration be given to renovating and altering the existing high school building so as to provide the necessary facilities required for state accreditation of our secondary school program. Among other alterations, this would include converting the upstairs gymnasium-auditorium into classrooms similar to the plan of alteration carried out at Cape Elizabeth with an identical building and to provide adequate library, guidance, office and other facilities as required.

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- 4) That because of the immediate urgency to provide more housing space for grades 7 to 12, we strongly recommend that a planning committee be appointed to consult with an architectural engineer for the purpose of formulating suitable plans for carrying out the recommendations of this survey committee and to determine costs of same; such plans and cost findings to be brought before the citizens of the town at a special town meeting to be called by the selectmen for this purpose as soon as the planning committee has secured the necessary information.
- 5) That the sum of \$1,400 be appropriated at the annual March meeting to defray partial cost of securing suitable plans and building costs under recommendation #4 above.

Respectfully submitted,

### WELLS SCHOOL SURVEY COMMITTEE

Carroll Beals  
\*Vernon Crosby  
Harold Daggett  
Beatrice Fellman  
Doris Filson  
Margaret Grant  
Norman Holder  
Ethel Hutchins  
Stanley Johnson  
Carl Perkins  
Orrin Saunders  
Albeo LaPierre, Chairman  
Melville Johnson, Secretary

\*did not attend meetings

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### REPORT OF OCEAN VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Ocean View Cemetery, during the year 1959, negotiated the purchase of the Malone property, so-called, lying southwesterly of the present cemetery. This tract of land has an area of some twelve acres of upland and marsh land, a large portion of which can be utilized for cemetery purposes.

The extension is being surveyed, and a master plan made as part of the over-all development for the purpose of plotting lots and avenues.

It will be necessary to clear and level a large portion of the land, which will require time and money. It is the intention of the Corporation to begin clearing and developing the land in the Spring of 1960, to make lots available as early as possible.

The purchasing of the Malone land brings to a climax negotiations which have extended over several years. The Corporation considers that it has been fortunate in being able to acquire this land to meet the needs of the community.

Now, as to the finance of the project and general Cemetery care and upkeep. Money to purchase the land was borrowed of the Community Trust Company. The annual appropriation voted by the Town for current and operational expenses, in conjunction with income received from perpetual care, and annual care payments, enabled the cemetery Corporation to meet minimum requirements. We of the Corporation realize full well that much can be done to improve our community Cemetery, but due to lack of funds we have considered it prudent to curtail capital improvements. In the future it is hoped that necessary improvements can be made.

The officers and members of Ocean View Cemetery Corporation wish to thank the Town, and all those who have rendered assistance to the Cemetery association.

Ocean View Cemetery, Inc.  
By: WALTER E. HATCH  
President

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OCEAN VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT

January 31, 1959 to February 1, 1960

**Receipts**

Balance on Deposit at Community Trust  
Company (Ogunquit Branch)

January 31, 1959	\$ 2,624.36
Town appropriation	1,000.00
Wells-Ogunquit Farm Bureau Extension	10.00
Dividends and interest from Trust Funds	618.05
Annual Care	235.00
Perpetual Care Deposits	900.00
Sale of Lots	1,050.00
Interest, Auburn Savings Bank	5.24
Sale of Lumber from Malone Property	250.00
Sale of land and buildings, a portion of Malone Property	6,500.00
 Total Receipts	 \$ 13,192.65

**Expenditures**

Reginald Jones, Supt.	\$ 1,100.00
Reginald Jones, expense account	90.50
Stanley Adams, labor	9.50
Purchase of 1-M Pacific Gas & Electric Bond (Deposited and reserved for perpetual care 1958)	1,000.00
Accrued interest on above Bond	13.89
Interest paid Community Trust Company— Re loan	321.39
L. A. Dieschbourg Agency, premium Treasurer's bond	5.00
Ocean National Bank, safety deposit box	4.40
Kennebunk, Kennebunk & Wells Water District	14.42
Lawn Mower	134.88
Walter E. Hatch, disbursements for recording fees	11.90
Community Trust Company, Note	9,500.00
Balance on deposit at Community Trust Company, February 1, 1960	986.77
 Total expenditures	 \$ 13,192.65

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### ASSETS

Bonds carried at Cost	\$ 15,025.00
Preferred Stocks at cost	5,266.28
Savings Accounts	959.19
Cash reserved for Perpetual care funds	900.00
40 acre wood lot, Branch Road	80.00
15 acre wood lot, East side Tear Coat Road	30.00
New Extension to Cemetery	3,000.00
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Total Assets	\$ 25,260.47

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TREASURER'S REPORT

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RECEIPTS

January 1, 1959 Cash Balance forward	\$ 9,704.90
1954 Tax Lien	25.41
1955 Tax Lien	36.88
1956 Tax Lien	229.95
1957 Tax Lien	1,338.52
1958 Taxes	7,542.62
1958 Taxes	27,506.26
1959 Taxes	446,750.85
1959 Wells Excise Taxes	16,964.48
1959 Ogunquit Excise Taxes	9,505.42
1960 Wells Excise Taxes	1,903.25
1960 Ogunquit Excise Taxes	1,510.72
Discount	(\$3,668.18)
Interest	1,282.37
Costs	384.79
Ogunquit Village Corporation	30,081.10
Tax acquired property	61.76
School Maintenance	21,975.47
Maine State Retirement	289.33
Group Insurance	19.89
Survivor Benefits	15.45
Washington National Insurance	34.80
York County Credit Union	54.00
Maine Teacher's Association	26.00
Wells Teacher's Association	2.60
Insurance account	140.87
Educational Subsidies	27,251.06
Driver's Education	362.65
Accounts Receivable	223.38
Rest Rooms coin locks	159.50
Fire Fighting	1,535.05
Community Trust Co., check returned	13,000.00
Winter Maintenance	3,805.64
Summer Maintenance	8,471.90
Withholding Tax	25,849.46
Social Security	1,796.41
Insurance	86.40
Rent	1,697.00
Equipment Rental	29.92
Maintenance Town Buildings	20.81
Town Poor	10.00

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Other Town Poor	365.90
State Poor	346.76
Nurse	33.50
Bank Stock Tax	612.01
Dividends	66.00
Wells Beach Hose Company	3,211.13
Wells Corner Hose Company	21.44
Equipment Maintenance	8,740.05
Tar Account	450.00
Police	227.55
Licenses	757.50
Dance Hall	4.00
Publicity	230.00
Street Lighting	18.50
Refunds (Postage \$1.26; Dog Tax, \$153.97)	155.23
Refunds (Dog License)	126.66
Railroad and Telephone Tax Refund	304.21
Anticipation Notes	265,000.00
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	\$942,363.61

### EXPENDITURES

Warrants #1 to #52A inclusive	928,393.77
Cash Balance Forward	\$ 13,969.84

### BAILEY TRUST FUND

Community Trust Company (Ogunquit Branch)	
Bank Book Number 5074, Balance Jan. 1, 1959	\$ 505.74
Dividends received from Investments	8.20
Interest on Community Trust Company	
Bank Book Number 5074	22.31
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	\$ 536.25

#### Disbursements:

Norman Holder, Principal of Wells High School for 1959 Scholarship	10.00
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Balance December 31, 1959 as evidenced by

    Community Trust Company Bank Book #5074 \$ 526.25

#### Assets IN KIND in custody of Town Treasurer:

14 shares, Brown Company, common stock, as evidenced by  
    Certificate No. B1976

3 shares, Brown Company, \$5.00 Cumulative Convertible First  
    Preference Stock as evidenced by Certificate No. P5-B910

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### MISCELLANEOUS

Assets IN KIND in custody of Town Treasurer

22 shares, Community Trust Company Capital Stock as evidenced by Certificate No. 535

### STATEMENT MAJOR EXPENDITURES GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING ACCOUNTS

1959

#### Administrative Account

Salaries:			
Town Manager	\$6,000.00	Register of Deeds	\$ 288.00
Regular Clerical	2,540.00	Engineering Serv.	207.00
Extra Clerical	345.50	Maine Municipal Assn.	82.50
Annual Audit	409.75	Newspaper Advert.	.00
Legal Services	63.75	Printing Town Rep.	632.25
Manager's Expenses	644.96	Printing Budget &	
		Tax List	337.60
Office Supplies &		Misc. Printing	83.20
Equip.	1,091.31	Misc. Expense	233.48
Postage & Mailing	546.86	Officers' Bonds	290.00
Telephone	430.28		

#### Assessors' Account

Salaries	\$1,200.00	Forms & Supplies	\$ 187.92
Secretary	2,600.00	Telephone	196.45
Extra Clerical	182.00	Misc. Items	25.00
Register of Deeds	131.40	Equipment	.00

#### Town Clerk

Salary	\$ 993.55	Printing & Cost	\$ 94.85
Office Forms	158.01	Telephone	212.45
Office Equipment	.00	Election Expense	348.15

#### Officers' Salaries

Board of Selectmen		\$ 5.00
Town Treasurer		500.00
School Board		300.00

#### Public Building Maintenance Account

Town Hall:		Town Garage:	
Janitor	\$1,300.00	Heat	\$ 497.61
Electricity	127.27	Electricity	114.47
Water Rent	144.55	Telephone	98.15
Fuel	840.40	Misc.	93.77
Repairs Heating Sys.	384.03		
New Steps & Misc.	994.93		

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### Police Department

Salaries:		Gasoline, Oil Changes	
Chief	\$4,210.00	& Greasing, Repairs	
Spec. Officers	1,588.00	& Adjustments, Tire	
Radio Maintenance	133.68	Replacement	\$1,423.26
General Supplies	220.23	Telephone	105.14

### Public Health Nursing Service and Health Officer

Salary	\$3,120.00	Substitute Nurse	\$ 180.00
Car Expense	900.00	Medical Supplies	291.18
		Telephone	322.33

### Public Rest Rooms

Wages	\$ 847.00	Electricity	\$ 15.44
Water Rent	138.00	Repairs	125.00
Pay Locks	131.32	Supplies	173.70

### Beach Cleaning

Wages	\$ 380.80	Other Services	\$ 300.00
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### Public Dump Maintenance

Wages	\$1,472.00	Exterminator	\$ 250.00
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### Life Saving

Wages	\$3,400.00	Supplies	\$ 502.16
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### Publicity Account

Billboards	\$1,200.00	Maine Pub. Bureau	\$ 200.00
Maine Invites You	316.00	Neon Signs	241.50
Chamber of Commerce	4,007.03		

### Street & Traffic Lights

Present Contract	\$6,016.88	Traffic Signals	\$ 102.72
Neon Signs	121.53	Maint. Traffic Sig.	195.62
Blinker Lights	325.89	Extension of Services	120.00

### Wells Corner Hose Co.

Truck Maint.	\$ 474.83	Fuel	\$ 408.46
General Supplies	182.94	Radio Service	112.36
Hose	500.00	Whistle Repairs	60.00
Wages	6,480.00	Building Maint.	243.57
Electricity	245.87	Telephone	202.66

### Wells Beach Hose Co.

Wages	\$6,480.00	Building Maint.	\$1,148.50
Truck Maintenance	933.93	Fire Alarm	179.36
Fire Supplies	335.19	Fuel	575.46
Electricity	442.83	Radio Maint.	151.58
Telephone	389.01		

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**Highpine Fire Association**

Truck Maint.	\$ 286.75	Fire Alarm	\$ 407.00
Building Maint.	199.75	Telephone	76.15
Fire Supplies	420.32	Electricity	137.00

**Wells Branch Fire Association**

No Appropriation		No Expenditures	
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**Insurance**

Car Liability	\$1,213.65	Neon Signs	\$ 90.00
Bldg. Liability	56.43	Property Floater	25.00
School Liability	57.75	School Boiler Liab.	178.00
Fire Insurance	3,066.11	Special Firemen's	277.35
Workmen's Compensation		Sun Deck	52.91
	820.81		

**Forest Fire Fighting**

Wages and Supplies	\$2,756.37
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**Winter Maintenance**

Wages	\$10,191.83	Plow Blades	\$ 598.25
Equipment Rental	9,094.73	Snow Fence & Supplies	659.25
Salt	2,744.10	State Hgwy. Dept.	625.00

**Summer Maintenance**

Wages	\$9,040.50	Cold Patch	\$ 394.33
Equipment Rental	1,050.50	Misc. Supplies	295.00
Bridges & Culverts	714.99	Garage Equipment	134.37
Calcium & Gravel	584.60	Traffic Paint	156.32
Beach Equipt.	224.98		

**Tar Account**

P. R. Boston	\$6,369.18
(by contract)	

**Shade Trees**

Abbott's Tree Service	\$940.25
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**Town Road Improvement Fund**

**Financed by the State**

Town Equipment	\$3,765.02	Wages	\$2,269.00
Rented Equipment	7,263.65	Culverts	71.32
Gravel from Town	1,387.70	P. R. Boston Road Tar	2,162.50

**Sea Wall Maintenance**

The John Swenson Granite Co.	\$1,395.90	Rented Trucks	\$ 755.00
		Misc. Expense	12.50

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

TAX DATA  
TOWN OF WELLS  
1952-1959

Year	Valuation	Increase	Rate
1952	\$10,181,890.00		\$32.00
1953	10,456,260.00	\$274,370.00	32.00
1954	10,892,770.00	436,510.00	33.00
1955	11,050,020.00	157,250.00	29.50
1956	11,242,048.00	192,028.00	35.00
1957	11,506,685.00	264,637.00	38.50
1958	11,670,970.00	164,285.00	42.00
1959	11,760,395.00	89,425.00	41.00

VALUATION OF THE TOWN 1959

Real & Personal Estate	
Wells Resident	\$3,139,760.00
Ogunquit Resident	3,158,350.00
Real & Personal Estate	
Wells Nonresident	3,572,045.00
Ogunquit Nonresident	1,890,240.00
 Total Valuation	\$11,760,395.00

ASSESSMENT

Valuation x Rate—	
\$11,760,395.00 x .041	\$482,176.24
988 Polls @ \$3.00	2,964.00
 Tax Commitment	\$485,140.24
Supplemental Taxes	2,077.06

TOTAL ASSESSMENT CHARGED	
TO COLLECTOR	\$487,217.30

COLLECTION AND CREDITS:

Cash Collections	\$446,747.85	
Less—Refunds	188.25	
		446,559.60
Discounts		3,503.50
Abatements		911.52
 TOTAL COLLECTIONS AND CREDIT		\$450,974.62
 1959 TAXES RECEIVABLE—Dec. 31, 1959		\$ 36,242.68

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COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

TAX COMMITMENT	\$485,140.24
<b>REQUIREMENTS:</b>	
Appropriations	\$460,407.69
County Tax	14,550.00
<b>TOTAL REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>\$474,957.69</b>
<b>OVERLAY</b>	<b>\$ 10,182.55</b>

OGUNQUIT VILLAGE CORPORATION

1960 COMMITMENT

Town of Wells, 1959 Commitment	\$ 482,176.24
O.V.C. Share of Total Commitment	\$211,450.08
<b>Add:</b>	
306 Polls @ \$3.00 Each	918.00
Supplemental Taxes	1,257.25
Subtract: Abatements	204.68
<b>Adjusted O.V.C. Share of 1959 Taxes</b>	<b>\$213,420.65</b>
Percentage of Taxes paid by O.V.C.—4426195	
O.V.C. Charter Requirement to Education	\$ 5,000.00
O.V.C. Share of York County Tax in the amount of \$14,550.00	6,439.83
<b>Base for Computing O.V.C. Commitment</b>	<b>\$201,980.82</b>
60% of \$201,980.82	\$121,188.49

Amount  
Due  
O.V.C.  
1960

Jan. 19, 1960

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Michael A. Napolitano  
State Auditor  
Morris W. Bragdon  
Deputy Auditor

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**State of Maine**

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT**  
**Augusta**

**February 5, 1960**

**Board of Selectmen  
Wells,  
Maine**

**Gentlemen:**

In accordance with Chapter 90-A, Revised Statutes of 1954, an audit has been conducted of the financial records of the Town of Wells for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1959.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards that pertain to governmental accounting and was conducted by Auditor S. M. Emery of the State Department of Audit.

The audit analysis was on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and included such tests of the accounting records and other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

The financial and statistical sections, incorporated in this report, present the results of the Town's financial operations for the period indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

**MICHAEL A. NAPOLITANO**  
**State Auditor**

**MAN:lf**

## TOWN OF WELLS

### COMMENTS

#### Town of Wells

**January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959**

An audit of the financial records of the Town of Wells has been completed for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1959. The audit consisted of an examination of the records maintained by the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Treasurer and other municipal officials.

The examination included a review of cash transactions and an analysis of available funds and expenditures. The results are incorporated in the following text, exhibits and schedules.

The fiscal year's operations showed that the net unexpended departmental balances lapsed amounted to \$10,798.72, per the following summary:

Departmental Operations:	
Unexpended balances	\$ 12,873.44
Overdrafts	2,074.72
Net Unexpended Balance	<hr/> \$ 10,798.72

Revenue derived from supplemental taxes and the overlay were the principal factors contributing to the amount lapsed to surplus. The larger overdrafts occurred in the insurance and police accounts.

**ASSETS . . .** The general fund cash balance of \$14,019.84 was verified by reconciliation of a statement furnished by the Community Trust Company, Ogunquit, Maine, and by count of petty cash.

Investments are represented by 22 shares of Community Trust Company Stock valued at \$35.00 per share.

Taxes receivable totaling \$40,099.63 consisted principally of current year accounts of \$36,242.68. The balance of \$3,856.95 contains prior years' accounts dating from 1950.

Tax liens and tax acquired property amounted to \$7,141.90 and \$2,019.31 respectively. The lien accounts date from 1955 while the tax acquired property represents matured liens of prior years.

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RESERVES . . . The appropriation accounts showed a net unexpended balance of \$41,823.88, which is carried forward to the ensuing year in accordance with legal requirements and/or by authority of the town officials. This amount is comprised principally of balances in the highways and bridges, equipment and building maintenance, and various unclassified accounts.

Withholding tax and social security deductions and/or contributions totaling \$2,328.30 and \$894.85 respectively had accrued to governmental agencies at the close of the fiscal year.

The excise tax reserve of \$3,415.27 represents Wells and Ogunquit collections for the 1960 year.

SURPLUS . . . The unappropriated surplus amounted to \$14,068.42, a decrease of \$18,069.75 for the year. This change was occasioned principally by the authorized transfers to various operating accounts, less the net unexpended departmental balances lapsed.

DEBT FUND . . . The debt fund, incorporated in the balance sheet as a separate fund, reflects outstanding school bonds totaling \$109,000.00, which mature in varying amounts and rates of interest during the ensuing seven years.

TRUST FUNDS . . . Trust fund principal amounted to \$300.00 at the year end and unexpended income totaled \$226.25. This fund is on deposit in the Community Trust Company, Ogunquit, Maine.

DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS . . . The departmental operating accounts showed a decrease of \$8,064.50 in funds raised by taxation, as compared with the preceding year. Smaller appropriations for highways and bridges, general government, protection and unclassified accounts, less larger appropriations for the Ogunquit Village Corporation and for education were the major factors responsible for the decrease.

The departmental balances carried forward to the ensuing year increased by \$14,159.83, as compared with balances at the start of the year. The increase appeared principally in the highways and bridges, and equipment accounts. However, a decrease in the education account balance was also a factor.

GENERAL . . . The townspeople authorized appropriations from surplus for various current operations. The use of excise tax revenue for winter maintenance also was authorized.

## TOWN OF WELLS

### SCOPE OF AUDIT

The system of internal control was reviewed as pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. Cash accounts were verified by reconciliation of bank statements and count of cash.

An analysis was made of receipts and deposits as well as expenditures and negotiated checks. Vouchers, payrolls and canceled checks were examined for a selected period. External verifications were utilized, on a test basis, to determine the correctness of recorded assets.

Excise tax collections were verified with copies of receipts retained by the collector. Education account balances were checked with the Superintendent of Schools. Trust fund transactions were examined and investments were verified. Surety bond coverage was reviewed.

In our opinion, subject to the foregoing comments, the accompanying balance sheet and supporting information present fairly the financial position of the town at December 31, 1959, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.



TOWN OF WELLS

Debt Fund	ASSETS	LIABILITIES
	Amount Necessary to Retire Debt	
	From Future Revenue	\$109,000.00
		\$129,000.00
		<u>LIABILITIES</u>
		<u>Trust Funds</u>
	ASSETS	
	Time Deposits	\$ 526.25
		\$ 515.08
		<u>TOTAL</u>
		\$ 526.25
		<u>Principal (Sch. A-6)</u>
		\$ 300.00
		<u>Unexpended Income (Sch. A-6)</u>
		\$ 226.25
		<u>Interest (Sch. A-6)</u>
		\$ 215.08
		<u>TOTAL</u>
		\$ 515.08
		<u>Bonds Payable (Sch. A-5)</u>
		\$109,000.00
		<u>LIABILITIES</u>
		\$129,000.00

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Town of Wells

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS  
AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 1959

CASH BALANCE—Jan. 1, 1959	\$ 9,704.90
ADD—CASH RECEIPTS:	
Tax Collections:	
Current Year	\$446,747.85
Prior Years	27,411.74
Total Tax Collections	\$474,159.59
Tax Liens	9,271.24
Excise Tax Collections:	
1959 Receipts	26,469.90
1960 Receipts	3,420.27
Total Excise Tax Collections	29,890.17
Departmental Accounts (Ex. D)	108,505.16
Tax Anticipation Loans	265,000.00
Accounts Receivable	3,943.94
State of Maine—Poor	300.01
Other Municipalities—Poor	352.50
Deductions For—	
Withholding Tax	25,849.46
Social Security	1,796.41
Group Insurance	19.89
Wells Teachers' Association	2.60
Teachers' Retirement	289.33
Survivor Benefits	15.45
Washington Nat. Insurance	34.80
York County Credit Union	54.00
Maine Teachers' Association	26.00
Craftsman's Insurance	86.40
Total Deductions	28,174.34
Sale of Town Owned Property	61.76
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	919,658.71
TOTAL	929,363.61

TOWN OF WELLS

**DEDUCT—CASH DISBURSEMENTS:**

Departmental Accounts (Ex. D)	617,803.56
Tax Anticipation Loans	265,000.00
<b>Agency Accounts—</b>	
Withholding Tax	23,521.16
Social Security	1,358.23
Group Insurance	19.89
Wells Teachers' Association	2.60
Teachers' Retirement	289.33
Survivor Benefits	15.45
Washington National Ins.	34.80
York County Credit Union	54.00
Maine Teachers' Association	26.00
Craftsman's Insurance	86.40
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Total Agency Accounts	25,407.86
Ogunquit Village Corporation	6,331.22
State Poor	300.01
Other Municipalities' Poor	352.50
Tax Refunds	198.62
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<b>TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$915,393.77</b>
<b>CASH BALANCE—December 31, 1959</b>	<b>\$ 13,969.84</b>

**Town of Wells**  
**STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS**  
Year Ended December 31, 1959

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**BALANCES**

	Balances 1-1-59	Appropri- ations	Cash Receipts	Other Credits	Total	Cash Disburse- ments	Other Charges	Forward pended (Over- drafts)	Forward at 12-31-59
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>									
Administration	\$ 2,426.53	11,008.00	1,790.00		15,224.53	14,526.25	592.00	106.28	
Board of Assessors	4,500.00				4,500.00	4,506.59		(6.59)	
Town Clerk	1,885.00				1,885.00	1,837.51		47.49	
Officers' Salaries	805.00				805.00	805.00			
Town Hall Building	2,965.00				4,682.81	4,595.18			
	<hr/> <b>2,426.53</b>	<hr/> <b>21,163.00</b>	<hr/> <b>3,507.81</b>		<hr/> <b>27,097.34</b>	<hr/> <b>26,270.53</b>	<hr/> <b>592.00</b>	<hr/> <b>234.81</b>	
<b>PROTECTION</b>									
Police	7,000.00		227.55		7,227.55	7,680.32		(452.77)	
Wells Beach Hose Company	10,380.00		79.80		10,459.80	10,635.86		(176.06)	
Wells Beach Hose Company—Suspense			3,131.33		3,131.33	3,131.33			
Wells Corner Hose Company	484.67	9,030.33	21.44		9,526.44	8,919.69			
Higpine Fire Association	1,550.00				1,550.00	1,527.01		22.99	
Civil Defense	579.53				579.53	12.00			
Street Lights	6,818.00		18.50		6,836.50	6,882.64			
Forest Fire Fighting	1,713.19		1,535.05		3,248.24	2,756.37			
Hydrant Rental		10,391.76			10,391.76	10,391.76			
Wells Corner Hose Co.—Fire Alarm					3,500.00	3,500.00	3,060.00		440.00
Wells Beach Hose Co.—Hose					475.00	475.00	465.00		10.00
Wells Beach Hose Co.—Furnace					2,000.00	2,000.00	2,070.00		(70.00)
	<hr/> <b>2,777.39</b>	<hr/> <b>45,170.09</b>	<hr/> <b>5,013.67</b>	<hr/> <b>5,975.00</b>	<hr/> <b>58,936.15</b>	<hr/> <b>57,531.98</b>			
									<hr/> <b>(711.98) 2,116.15</b>

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HEALTH AND SANITATION						
Public Health Nurse	4,500.00		33.50	4,533.50	4,813.51	(280.01)
Town Dump Maintenance	1,560.00			1,560.00	1,722.00	(162.00)
Dump Site	500.00			500.00		500.00
Beach Cleaning	245.00	1,000.00		1,245.00	680.80	564.20
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES	745.00	7,060.00	33.50	7,838.50	7,216.31	(442.01) 1,064.20
Winter Maintenance	4,000.00		3,805.64	23,723.28	31,528.92	23,808.42
Summer Maintenance	640.05	12,860.00	8,493.90	1,200.00	23,193.95	23,058.33
Tar	6,000.00		450.00		6,450.00	6,369.18
State Aid Construction	3,464.00				3,464.00	
Highway Department Trucks	1,000.00		12,000.00	13,000.00	3,546.00	9,454.00
Drakes Island Drainage	500.00				500.00	
Seawall Construction	5,801.79				5,801.79	2,162.90
Sidewalks	378.00				378.00	
Central Office Road Construction				1,200.00	1,200.00	
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EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING	11,819.84	22,824.00	12,749.54	38,123.28	85,516.66	59,444.83
MAINTENANCE	2,782.16		8,747.97	3,720.50	15,250.63	3,741.60
CHARITIES					1,200.00	
Town Poor	10,700.00	23.40		10,723.40	8,037.30	
EDUCATION						
School Maintenance	1,321.53	179,865.35	43,584.75		224,771.63	226,029.94
School Fencing					1,875.00	1,875.00
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	1,321.53	179,865.35	43,584.75	1,875.00	226,646.63	227,904.94
						(1,258.31)
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						(1,258.31)

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RECREATION						
Life Saving	3,800.00		3,800.00	3,902.16		(102.16)
DEBT AND INTEREST						
Bonds Payable	20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00		
Interest	4,803.00	1,282.03		7,515.81	7,629.43	(113.62)
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS						
County Tax	14,560.00		14,560.00	14,550.00		
Ogunquit Village Corporation	123,815.95			123,815.95	123,815.95	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS						
& EQUIPMENT						
Elementary School Building	99.94					
Construction			99.94		99.94	

## TOWN OF WELLS

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Schedule A-1

Town of Wells

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE

December 31, 1959

Community Trust Company, Ogunquit, Maine		
Balance per Statement—December 31, 1959		\$ 2,882.38
Add—Deposits in Transit (verified)		28,837.75
		—————
		31,720.13
Deduct—Outstanding Checks		17,750.29
		—————
Cash Balance—December 31, 1959		\$ 13,969.84

Schedule A-2

TAXES RECEIVABLE

at December 31,

Years	1959	1958	1957
1959	\$ 36,242.68		
1958	1,062.24	\$ 39,662.14	
1957	651.48	651.48	\$ 46,571.69
1956	596.59	596.59	602.39
1955	440.27	440.27	440.27
1954	254.67	254.67	254.67
1953	603.87	603.87	603.87
1952	207.56	207.56	207.56
1951	3.00	3.00	3.00
1950	37.27	37.27	37.27
	—————	—————	—————
Total	\$ 40,099.63	\$ 42,456.85	\$ 48,720.72

**TOWN OF WELLS**

**Town of Wells**

**TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY**

**December 31, 1959**

Adams, Nelson, Sr.	\$ 53.12
Allen, Arthur J.	1.98
Allen, Curtis	11.73
Allen, John—Heirs	41.28
Boston, Ralph—Heirs	208.31
Boston, Leroy	8.71
Boucher, Mack	13.20
Campbell, William H.	75.45
Chadbourne, Laura	6.40
Chase, Charles	3.20
Clark, Frank W.	5.13
Clarrage, Nellie	94.09
Coast of Maine	161.70
Chicola, Joseph	6.60
Couch, Elizabeth	3.30
Dixon, George	22.11
Emery, Albert	19.32
Flanders, Mercy	10.56
Fuller, Marshall	48.96
Griffith, Walter	16.00
Gifford, Charles	24.09
Hanson, Willis	30.08
Harriman, Warren	38.40
Hartwell, Tessie and James Ryan	25.80
Hilton, Albert	3.25
Hilton, Evelyn Hanson	110.55
Hilton, Roland and Evelyn	75.40
Hubbard, Everett—Heirs	41.71
Hutchins, Ivan	26.12
Hartgrove, Burton and Dorothy	23.43
Johnson, Michael	16.00
Jones, Mary L. and W. B. Russell	1.60
Knight, Herman A.—Heirs	32.01
Littlefield, E. I.—Heirs	26.60
Littlefield, Ethel and Nancy	59.08
Littlefield, Roland A.	5.56
Littlefield, George W.	13.86
Newhall, Bernard and Shirley LaRose	42.57
Newhall, Ernest	4.95
Phillips, Helen	21.76
Pierce, Herman	17.19

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Roosa, Charles and Lucille	17.04
Rouleau, Archie	9.72
Rollins, Sarah—Heirs	143.00
Seavey, Herbert A.	22.72
Searles, Claude and Theresa	17.18
Smith, Arthur	67.12
Strickland, James	65.66
Tebbetts, H. Aromina—Heirs	66.66
Welch, Wade	84.58
Wolfe, William E.	38.17
White, James and Flora	19.80
Woodman, Kirtland, Jr.	16.50
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Total	\$ 2,019.31

### Schedule A-5

#### Town of Wells

#### BONDS PAYABLE

December 31, 1959

Purpose	Date	Rate	Maturity	Amount
High School	1935	3 1/4 %	\$ 1,500.00 in 1960	\$ 1,500.00
School	1951	2%	\$13,000.00 annually 1960-1962	39,000.00
Elementary School				
Constr. Bonds	1956	3 3/4 %	\$ 5,000.00 1960 \$10,000.00 1961 to 1965 and \$13,500.00 in 1966	68,500.00
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Total				\$109,000.00

### Schedule A-6

#### TRUST FUNDS

	Principal	Unexpended	
		Income	Total
Bailey Fund	\$300.00	\$226.25	\$526.25

**TOWN OF WELLS**

**DELINQUENT TAXES**

As of Dec. 31, 1959

**WELLS RESIDENT**

Allen, Richard	\$ 36.08
Arsenault, Albert J.	124.64
Arsenalult, Anthony	16.40
Alpren, Harry	20.50
Baker, William J. and Raymond J.	6.56
*Barrows, William and Virginia	16.81
*Belanger, Carolyn	7.38
*Belanger, Elmont	48.38
Bridges, Anna J.	26.24
Bridges, Etta	42.64
Bridges, Gerald	47.15
Bridges, Gordon and Florence	91.43
Bridges, Leon R.	20.50
Bridges, Paul and Frances	64.37
Bridges, Ralph Jr.	12.30
*Brindle, Joseph E. and Judith A.	100.00
**Brown, Carl	20.41
Brown, Maurice and Muriel	127.10
Buckley, George and Katherine	87.74
Bucklin, H. Roger and Carmella C.	59.86
*Burgess, Donald C.	95.53
Cameron, William and Doris	62.32
Card, Gertrude	134.48
*Card, William and Mabel	88.56
Chaloux, Roland	36.08
Chase, Daniel and Elsie	43.46
*Chase, Merle A.	32.80
*Chase, Richard	8.20
Chick, David, Orlando and Thomas	8.20
Clarrage, Charles and Merrill	15.17
Clarrage, Merrill	93.07
*Claus, J. Watson and Ethelyn	51.70
Coggeshall, Herbert	13.94
Cole, Mary A.	92.66
Coombs, Erland and Colleen	108.65
*Coombs, Roland F.	38.95
*Daigle, Joseph	6.15
Darby, Joseph	97.17
Downs, Edith	35.26
Ducharme, Frances and Shirley	164.41
Dunn, Bernard and Katherine	234.52

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*Earls, Clifton A.	35.19
*Earls, Clifton A.	45.92
Elwell, Etta	75.85
*Elworthy, H. M.	61.50
Emery, Albert J.	10.25
Fearon, Gladys	130.79
Fenderson, Archie and Sarah	341.53
Freeman, Paul	25.63
**Gagnon, Alfred	44.71
*Gagnon, Leon and Dorothy	43.46
Goodale, Raymond Jr.	69.70
Goodale, Raymond Sr.	24.60
Goodale, Roy	69.29
Goodwin, Helen	24.60
Gray, Mercy Flanders	15.58
Gerrish, Jessie P.	16.40
Halstead, Quentine	82.41
Hamel, Cyrille E.	4.10
Hatch, C. Wilmont	40.18
Hatch, Cecilia J.	67.65
**Hayes, Walter and Myrtle	17.80
Higgins, Frank E. and Patricia M.	538.33
Hill, William D.	40.18
*Hilton, Elizabeth	38.54
Hilton, Harold A. Sr.	44.69
**Hilton, Hartley	62.85
**Hilton, Viola	52.07
Hubbard, Hrs. Everett	28.29
Hubbard, Vernon E. Jr.	47.56
Hubbard, Vernon and Theresa	52.48
Hubbard, Wallace and Hazel	65.60
Hutchins, Lucille A.	178.76
Hutchins, Ralph	11.89
Hubbard, Joseph	8.20
**Jellison, Ernest and Roberta	58.67
*Kimball, David and Thelma	51.66
Kimball, Paul S.	140.22
*Kimball, Robert E.	98.81
Knight, Herbert	6.15
Lakeman, Leland and Doris	121.77
Leach, Roland	24.19
Littlefield, Chester E. and	
*Cheney, Hrs. Grover	1.44
**Littlefield, Eleatha C.	81.26
Littlefield, Kenneth and Barbara	277.57
*Littlefield, Loriston and Lois	129.15

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Littlefield, Roland E.	94.30
Littlefield, Edwin	14.35
McCarn, Hazel	18.04
McNuge, Leroy	46.74
Matthews, Harry and Rose	128.33
Matthews, Irving	30.75
Matthews, Irving	17.63
Matthews, Wesley	133.25
Mayo, Norman	2.46
*Mayo, Edwin N.	150.06
Mealey, Madeline and Raymond	22.14
Milinski, Hrs. of Stephen	158.26
Miller, Austin	11.07
**Milner, John and Marie	6.77
**Moody, George P. and Frances	20.50
Mooers, Roger and Marjorie	153.75
*Morison, Alberta A.	123.41
*Morison, Alberta A. and David C.	322.67
Moulton, Merton G.	97.17
Murray, Raymond and Sarah	70.93
Naimey, Maria	150.47
Nickerson, Winthrop T.	154.16
Norman, Elizabeth	72.57
Oliver, Perry and Marion	82.41
Paradis, Arthur Ernest	3.28
Phillips, Harold and Dorothy	100.86
Pinkham, Rolland and Lyda	215.25
Prescott, Robert and Marjorie	437.88
*Rhodes, Ernest and Eleanor	11.48
*Rhodes, Ernest	2.05
*Rogers, Ruth and Ward, Dorothy	21.73
*Sawyer, Arthur and Frank	13.12
*Sawyer, Hrs. Frank	199.26
Shackford, Roland	86.10
Siminio, Alton and Mildred	37.72
*Smalley, Robert and Marianna	147.60
Smith, Colby and Gladys	84.05
Smith, Preston and Priscilla	44.28
Smtih, Robert and Beulah	172.20
Stevens, Barbara	165.64
Stevens, Lester and George	2.05
Stevens, Richmond	45.51
Stevens, Stuart	4.10
Stillings, Maurice B. and Doris A.	423.94
Taylor, Steven and Louise	170.97
Towns, Frank and Shirley	46.74

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Trafton, Maude	41.82
Trafton, Virginia L.	11.89
Tufts, Charles W. Sr.	109.88
Tufts, Charles W. and Spang, Philip	416.97
Tyler, Alice M.	118.08
**Walker, Florence M.	39.57
Webster, Edith c/o Hubbard, Gordon	27.88
Wedge, Evelyn G.	68.88
Welch, Hrs. of Reginald	134.07
Welsh, Walter and Margaret	15.17
Wells, Rodney	101.27
Wildes, Foster S. and Eleanor	62.73
Woodman, Kirtland Sr.	83.64
*Woodward, Guy and Ruth G.	208.28
York, Harry B.	30.34
*Young, Robert L.	3.28

### WELLS NON-RESIDENT

Abrahams, Ellis	\$ 2.46
Alpren, Myer	148.42
Anderson, Helen	37.72
*Baker, Clarence T.	2.46
*Bartis, Stanley J.	30.75
Beamis, John and Rowena	175.48
Belanger, Helen	32.80
Belanger, Homer	37.72
Belanger, Oscar	31.57
Belluscio, Joseph	2.46
Benoit, Frances	47.97
Bernard, Alvah	11.07
Bertini, George and Louise	12.30
*Bolton, Gerry and Joan, Williamson, Margaret L.	190.65
Bowdoin, James Alton	141.86
Brown, Russell	25.62
Buescher, Blanche T. and DeHaven, Olga	58.22
Burrier, Clara N.	200.08
Capozzi, Anthony	2.46
Cerasualo, Carmine	2.46
Chabot, Ronald and Marcelle	85.28
Chadbourne, Laura	4.10
Chase, Charles and Son	4.10
Chevalier, Aime and Rosa	89.79
Cloutier, Leo E. and Laura L.	77.90
Cloutier, Leon and Robert	111.93
Collins, Marianne	20.50
Collins, Michael J.	2.46

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Cooper, Bertha and Sophie	41.00
Cote, Jean and Helen	53.30
*Coye, Arthur and Nellie	84.05
*Coye, Arthur and Nellie	55.76
Coyne, John and Charlotte	100.86
Crane, Elizabeth V.	130.38
Crediford, John W. Jr.	2.05
*Dagan, Wilfred	41.00
Day, William and Blanche	17.63
Dixon, Fred and Alta	86.10
Downey, John and Josephine	114.80
Dubois, Nellie F.	1.23
Dunn, Paul and Patricia	45.14
Dutch, Bradford	2.87
*Elliot, Mrs. William T.	113.57
*Feeney, Ruth	98.40
Fischer, Nelson N. and Norman, Samuel E.	10.25
Fogg, Mary R.	98.40
Foley, Lawrence and Isabella	26.65
Fortier, Leo	49.20
Foster, Bertha	159.90
Foster, Mary A.	72.57
*Foster, Philip and Doris	308.73
*Gaudet, Reginald J.	2.46
Glanville, Fred and Gladys	357.93
Grime, Herbert and Gladys	3.69
Guarnieri, Guido	2.46
*Hall, Andrew J.	12.30
Hamilton, Lowell F.	2.46
Harnden, Maureen D.	86.10
Hartmen, Frederick G.	2.46
Haskell, Raymond and Shirley	266.50
*Holdsworth, Tom	4.92
*Hussey, Harvey A.	2.46
Johnson, Ebba and John	8.20
*Johnston, Echlin	70.11
Kaplan, Minna	128.33
*Kimball, Alice	82.82
Kirkpatrick, John and Evelyn	1.35
*Label, Hrs. of Wilfred	41.00
Littlefield, C. Herbert, Edwin and Eleanor	174.66
*Littlefield, Homer C., Joyce and Ora G.	141.04
Lundin, Ebba M.	128.33
Lyon, Wilson and Monica	36.90
McNeil, William and Mary	412.05

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*McCrillis, Est. of Alice M.	143.50
McGee, Thomas and Jessie	47.97
McIntire, John	194.34
McKelvie, John N.	157.85
*Magurn, Billie B.	160.31
*Martin, Anna	44.69
Maynard, Edward and Mary	117.26
*Maxwell, George and Martha	66.42
Mettey, Harriett	116.03
Miller, Barbara S.	101.68
Moccia, Albert	4.10
Morin, Donald	427.63
Munyon, Chester and Bertha	161.95
Murphy, Katherine P.	100.04
**Nutter, John B.	101.01
O'Brien, Rita	12.30
O'Connell, Michael	7.38
O'Malley, Josephine	33.62
Ouellette, Armand and Rachel	128.74
Parker, Thelma	30.75
Parsons, M. H. and Sons	21.73
Paulin, Irene	204.59
Plaisted, Leon and Frances	12.30
*Platt, Dorothy G.	130.38
Potvin, Miriam W.	254.61
Prescott, Gordon and Ruth	402.21
Priestley, Florence I.	49.20
Proctor, Raymond and Elizabeth	103.32
Page, James	55.35
Randall, Forrest and Harvey	75.03
Reed, Gertrude and Arthur	148.01
Richard, Louis A.	2.46
Ross, Herbert and Marjorie	110.29
Russell, Hrs. of W. B.	11.07
Ryan, Leo	30.75
Sanders, Lloyd W.	2.46
*Scribner, John W. Jr. and Florence C.	193.52
Siminoni, Herbert	2.05
Stanley, William V.	41.82
Stevens, Carroll	2.05
Stevens, Lester Chester	42.64
Strange, Neal	1.64
Swett, Leon N.	71.34
Voorhis, Alex	68.06
Weare, George and Joseph	8.20

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Wells Beach Casino Corp.	1,505.93
Welsh, Walter and Bessie	9.43
*West, Barbara	10.25
*West, George	47.97
Whitney, Gloria E.	277.16
*Whittemore, Mary C.	157.03
Wilson, John A. Jr.	2.46
Wing, Earl V.	78.31
**Woodman, Harold and Emily	92.66

**OGUNQUIT RESIDENT**

*Adams, Carroll E.	\$ 265.27
*Adams, Carroll E. and Elida H.	147.60
**Batchelder, Anna H.	16.08
Bernard, Alvah	401.80
Brewer, Blanche L. et al	40.59
Brown, Ida M.	148.42
Brown, William and Ida	25.42
Buswell, Douglas and Cynthia	116.13
Bressask, Mrs. Dorothy	41.00
**Ciccalo, Rosario and Catherine	121.77
*Coombs, Raymond F. Jr.	49.20
Day, Richard T.	65.60
Dixon, Hrs. Goodale	49.61
Fitaniades, Paul and Victoria	19.68
Ganellas, Constantine	895.03
**Hayes, Raymond and Eleanor	20.50
*Hubbard, Oscar and Eleanor	110.33
*Kemp, Carroll and Barbara	36.90
Keirstead, Richard W.	114.39
Kirkpatrick, John and Evelyn	256.25
Kimball, Carl H. and Arthur A.	47.15
Littlefield, Hrs. Charles W.	100.45
Littlefield, Marcus	12.30
**Mattei, Maria	274.72
*Miller, John F.	36.92
Payne, Eleanor Scott	123.00
Perkins, Clifford and Portia	195.57
Perkins, Ernest L.	77.49
Pollyann Realty Trust	102.50
Ramsdell, Herman C.	132.84
Soule, George H.	59.86
Sprague, Peter B.	155.39
Steven, Lester Chester and Alice	134.89
Stott, Arthur K.	462.48

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Taylor, Sturgis S. and Esther B.	580.97
*Tillinghast, Robert O.	30.80
Todd, John M.	278.80
*Turbeville, Don A.	200.49
Vayana, Nunzio	277.57
*von Schlegell, Alice	98.00
Welch, George and Muriel	66.42
*West, George R. Jr.	1,185.72
*West, Vicki Lynn	2.46
Whiting, Frederick A. Jr.	96.35
**Young, Arthur F. and Florence	46.84

### OGUNQUIT NON-RESIDENTS

Blouin, Leonard	\$ 28.70
Boudreau, Edmund	28.70
Bowes, Gerald P.	28.70
*Burke, Josephine J.	479.70
Burniston, Robert	28.70
Bowes, Kathleen	41.00
Barn Galley Assoc.	20.50
Campbell, Donald and Helen	133.25
Caouette, Joseph	4.10
Carey, Margaret	3.28
Cameron, Louis	61.50
Country Store, The	20.50
D'Alessandro, Joseph and Phyllis	73.80
Dolan, Thomas	102.50
Duffey, William C.	28.70
Faulkner, John Jr.	28.70
Fleischer, Thomas et al	190.65
Gaynor, Helen	28.70
*Gray, Charles	28.70
Gray, Dr. Philip	61.50
Hilton, Viola	9.84
Keating, Marion	61.50
Kelley, Willard and Ethel	36.90
King, John A. C.	52.07
Kenary, Ralph W. and Dorcas C.	234.52
Larsen, Wilbur	28.70
Lavoie, Alfred	28.70
Lemire, A. Lux Nicholson	6.15
*Littlefield, Eleatha C.	13.53
Littlefield, Philip and Helen	10.66
Ladd's Toggery	12.30
McAllister, George	28.70

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*McDonald, Joseph E. and Mary E.	8.20
McElman, Edna P.	28.70
Miller, Henry	28.70
Mogavero, Dorothy and George	56.99
Nowlin, Josephine	28.70
Naylor, Mrs. Arthur	61.50
Peterson, Madeline	28.70
Phettiplace, Chester	28.70
Phillips, Asa J.	317.34
*Richardson, Mary and Clara	485.85
Rizzuto, Joseph	28.70
Shaw, Hugh and Sophie	205.00
Satter, Theo	41.00
Thompson, James A.	28.70
Ward, Ethel V.	4.10
*West, Ruth	12.30
Zieman, Alden	275.93

### SUPPLEMENTALS

#### WELLS RESIDENTS

Foster, Charles S.	\$ 20.50
Goodwin, Everett R.	20.50
Voorhis, Alex	20.50

#### OGUNQUIT RESIDENTS

Gordon, Est. of Eva B.	\$ 353.83
McIntire, Carl	20.50
*Porter, Walter	20.50
Young, Kenneth	20.50

#### OGUNQUIT NON-RESIDENTS

Peterson, Ethel J.	\$ 360.39
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\*indicates payment prior to Feb. 10, 1960

\*\*indicates partial payment prior to Feb. 10, 1960

### POLL TAXES OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 1959

(for the year 1959)

#### WELLS

*Abbott, Edward	Berry, Hiram
Abbott, Maurice	Boston, Oscar
Ahern, Robert	Boston, Robert
Allen, Richard	Bouldry, George
Alpren, Harry	*Boyd, Isaac
Ames, Jean	Bragdon, David
*Arsenault, Albert J.	Bridges, Casper
*Barrows, Edward	Bridges, Gordon
Bennett, Frederick E.	Bridges, Leon

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*Bridges, Lester	*Hilton, Hartley Sr.
*Brooks, Herbert	Hilton, Lawrence
*Burbank, Harold	Hines, Philip
Burden, George	Hotte, Richard
Cameron, William	Hubbard, Norman
Campbell, William H.	Hutchins, Edward Jr.
*Card, William H. Jr.	*Hynes, Alfred
Carlow, Clarence	Kimball, Carl
*Chaloux, Roland	Kimball, Dwight W.
Chase, Forrest	Kline, John P.
*Chase, Maurice	LaBree, Raymond Jr.
Cheetham, Joseph A.	Langell, Clayton
Clark, Charles M.	*Langille, George L.
Coggeshall, Herbert	*Lauletta, Daniel F.
*Cole, Charles	LeMote, Norman H.
Cole, Freeman	Lincoln, Frank
Cooke, Austin	Littlefield, Harry S.
*Coombs, Roland	*Littlefield, Roland E.
*Darling, John A.	Locke, Lester
Dutil, Marlyn	Matthews, Wendell G.
Earles, Clifton A.	Milliner, Elmer
Eaton, Nathaniel G.	*Mills, Gerald E.
Evans, Melville	*Mitchell, Robert
*Farley, Herbert	*Mithen, James Jr.
Freeland, Donald C.	Moody, Donald
Freeland, Stanley	Moulton, Merton G.
Goodale, Roy	Nally, Judson
Gould, John	Norman, Samuel E.
Goupil, Joseph	Oliver, Perry
Gray, Floyd O.	Packard, Fred A.
Gregoire, Wilfred	*Penney, Everett
Griffin, Joseph D.	Penny, Raymond
Gunn, Peter	Perkins, Burt
*Guyette, Ferdinand Sr.	Perkins, Francis
*Hamel, Cyrille E.	Perkins, Merton
Hampe, Henry	*Perkins, Wilbur D.
Hanson, Donald	Perry, Elwyn
Hanson, Thaddius	*Pike, Carl Jr.
*Harriman, Richard	*Ranco, Leslie J.
Hatch, Ned Jr.	Randall, Harvey
Hayes, Alvin	Razsa, John
*Hill, William D.	*Roberts, Charles
Hilton, Eben	*Roberts, Raymond G.
Hilton, Erastus	*Sawyer, Frank
Hilton, Fred	Shackford, Fred

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*Shackford, Roland	Tebbetts, Leslie
Sherburne, Fred W.	*Towns, Frank
Skibicki, Joseph	Trafton, Maynard
*Smalley, Robert	Tufts, Charles W. Jr.
Smith, Earl	Welch, Charles E.
*Stevens, Lester Carroll	*Welch, George
Stevens, Richmond	*Winn, Robert
*Stickney, Richard	Woodman, Kirtland Sr.
Strew, Raymond W.	Woods, Clyde
Tetherly, Richard	Woodward, Guy Jr.
	*Young, Earle S.

## SUPPLEMENTAL

Welch, Fred

## OGUNQUIT

Alexander, Anthony	*Matyoska, Joseph
Allen, Cedric R.	Mayo, Fred
Allen, Walter	Miller, John F.
Bates, William	Phelps, Granvilie
Bernard, Alvah	Poole, Todd F.
Buswell, Douglas S.	*Sevigney, William
Cheever, Lawrence	*Sideris, Nicholas
Collins, Raymond	Smith, George
Collard, George Jr.	Soule, George
Damren, Richard E.	Spinney, Merton
Dennett, Hugh	*Stevens, Elwyn
Fortuine, Edward	*Stevens, Lester Chester
Hilbourne, Acer N. Jr.	Taylor, Sturgis S.
*Hill, Herbert E.	Turgeon, Paul A.
*Kemp, Carroll	Wakefield, Roland
Keyes, Harold	Ware, Edwin S.
Littlefield, Orin S.	Webber, Edward H.
Littlefield, Willis S.	*West, George R. Jr.
McLaughlin, John	Whittier, Stephen T. II
Marsters, Emery	Williams, John P.
	*Young, Arthur F.

## SUPPLEMENTALS

Baggett, Jerry

Densmore, Forrest

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